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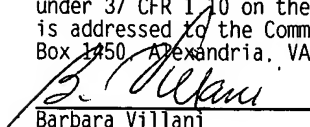
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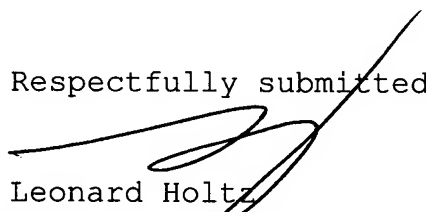
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DISCUSSION

Japanese No. 8-18641 - This publication discloses a mobile telephone (FIG.3) in which a first case (1B) being provided with operation keys and a second case (1A) being provided with a display unit are connected to each other by a hinge unit, so that these cases are foldable and unfoldable. The first case and the second case are overlapped each other to make an outer size of the telephone being compact when the telephone is carried, and in order to use the telephone the second case is unfolded from the first case while the first case is held by a user's hand. Further, the first case and the second case are colored in different colors (FIG. 3 (B)) to distinguish the first case and the second case from each other clearly.

Japanese No. 11-53052 - This publication discloses a plain-shaped instrument case (FIGS.11 and 1) and an auxiliary device (8) for adding functions to an instrument having the instrument case. A connector and an engagement portion (29) are provided in a side surface of the instrument case, and a connector and an engagement portion (27) are also provided in a side surface of the auxiliary device. By directly connecting the connector and the engagement portion (27) of the auxiliary device to the connector and the engagement portion (29) of the instrument case, the auxiliary device is detachably attached to the instrument case side by side.

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		JP	11-53052	A	YAMAUCHI et al	02-26-1999		X*
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